

Additional Questions and Answers Regarding the Clinical and Translational Science Awards

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Can we pay stipends or salaries to trainees participating in the Research Education component of the CTSA?

Salary for trainees is not an allowable cost under the Research Education component of the Research Education, Training, and Career Development function of a CTSA. Stipends to support trainees are restricted to T32 activities and are not an allowable cost for Research Education.

Which Notices of Grant Award should we use to calculate the base for our CTSA application?

When summing the awards for NCRR M01, K12, K30, and Roadmap K12 and T32 to calculate the base above which a CTSA may be requested, the amounts that should be used are the “Approved Budgets,” from the latest Notice of Grant Award prior to October 1, 2005.

How should we present the budgets for individual CTSA Key Functions?

As instructed in the RFA, separate PHS 398 budget pages 4 and 5, and separate justifications, should be submitted for the U54 and K12 components of the CTSA application. If a T32 component is requested, please present the proposed costs on the budget pages 4 and 5 of the Kirschstein-NRSA Initial Budget Period Substitute Page of PHS 398. For the composite budget (which is presented on a PHS 398 budget page), present stipends in the “personnel” category and all other training costs in the “other expenses” category.

Budgets for the U54 Key Functions proposed in the application should be presented so that their costs can be distinguished for the purposes of review. The [optional spreadsheet](#) or a separate *Form Page 4* of PHS 398 for each proposed Key Function is acceptable for this purpose.